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ACTIVATES RAPID RESPONSE TEAM TO ASSIST
HONOLULU ADVERTISER EMPLOYEES**

HONOLULU - The Hawai'i Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR) announced that it has activated its Rapid Response Team to assist Honolulu Advertiser employees who recently received layoff notices. The Rapid Response Team is composed of staff from the DLIR's Workforce Development Division and Unemployment Insurance Division. The Rapid Response Sessions will be on Saturday, May 8 and Saturday, May 15 at the DLIR Multi-Agency Conference Rooms (Room 310-314), located at 830 Punchbowl Street in Honolulu.

In collaboration with the Honolulu Advertiser's management and unions, and space availability, workers are requested to attend sessions as follows:

| MAY 8, 2010 / Saturday | |
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| Time | Department |
| 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. | News / Information Center |
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| 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. | Circulation |
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| 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. | Production |

| MAY 15, 2010 / Saturday | |
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| Time | Department |
| 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. | Advertising/Sales |
| | Business Office |
| | General Administration |
| | Human Resources |
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| 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. | Information Technology |
| | Marketing/Promotion |
| | Online |
| | Union Leave |
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| 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. | Open Session (For individuals who were unable to attend their department's pre-scheduled session.) |

The Rapid Response Team will provide information on an array of available services for the affected workers, including skills assessment, individual counseling, career planning, employment development, occupational skills training, on-the-job training, entrepreneurial training, job-readiness training and adult education. Participants will also

be provided information regarding welfare assistance and medical benefits. Participants may also receive out-of-area job search assistance, relocation assistance and other related supportive services. Support services may include childcare, transportation assistance and job related certifications, uniforms and equipment.

"The Administration is committed to providing these workers with the most comprehensive information to help them and their families through this challenging period," said Darwin L.D. Ching, Director of Labor and Industrial Relations.

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